

RADIO STAMPS
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Introduction

Hello, welcome to another edition of "Radio Stamps". My name is Neil Carleton and I'm your host for this feature on HCJB. "Radio Stamps" is a monthly program all about the fun of collecting stamps from around the world on the topic of radio. There are dozens of radio subjects you can collect on stamps, and they include radio stations, amateur radio and radio listening, to name just a few. Collecting radio stamps is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby.

Regular features on this program include descriptions and checklists of stamps you can collect, discussions of radio subjects on stamps, and answers to listeners questions. There will also be contests to win radio stamps for your collection.

I hope you'll join me each month, here on HCJB. I also hope you'll write to me with your comments and news for the program. I'll give you my mailing address at the end of this feature.

Radio Stamps Bibliography

This program is the third in the series. On today's feature the subject is "ham" stamps.

Before I start, just a reminder that I've prepared a bibliography for you on radio stamps that's available worldwide for return postage. This introduction to the hobby is a listing of all the published references I know about on radio stamps. It includes the 32 different radio subjects you can find. Many of the articles, in stamps and radio publications, include checklists of radio stamps you can collect. Other articles were written to help you start and enjoy a collection of radio stamps.

If you'd like a copy of this bibliography, please send me a business-size, self-addressed envelope, with Canadian postage, or international reply coupons. If you live in Canada, I'll need \$0.61 in Canadian postage. If you live in the United States, I'll need \$0.65 in Canadian postage, or 2 reply coupons. If you live in another part of the world, I'll need \$1.17 in Canadian postage, or 2 reply coupons. I'll give you my mailing address shortly, at the end of this program.

Amateur Radio on Stamps

There are many collectors with an interest in amateur radio or ham stamps from around the world. For example, there are postage stamps which honour amateur radio organizations, like the American Radio Relay League, the Radio Club of Bolivia and the Amateur Club of Djibouti. There are stamps that commemorate amateur radio conferences, like the Warsaw meeting of the International Amateur Radio Union.

You'll be able to collect stamps that depict amateur radio stations in operation, and ham expeditions to remote lands. You'll even be able to collect stamps that feature world leaders who are also radio amateurs.

Collecting ham stamps is certainly popular with amateur radio operators. There is even a quarterly publication, in English, called "Ham Stamps" that is available from West Germany. More information about it is included in my bibliography, along with the mailing address. Many published references about ham stamps, including checklists, are included in my bibliography too.

Collecting Tip

If you'd like to add ham stamps to your collection on the topic of radio, here's a collecting tip for you. In 1964, a colourful postage stamp was issued in the United States to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the American Radio Relay League. It's a striking stamp, in red lilac, with a denomination of 5 cents. It features radio waves and a tuning dial with the words "amateur radio". The Scott catalogue number for this stamp is 1260.

Contest

Now here's an opportunity to win a first day cover for this unique stamp. The question is, "What is the date of issue for the stamp in 1964, issued by the United States, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the American Radio Relay League?" Write to me with your answer. The correct answers will be entered in a draw, and the winner will be announced on program 5, in two months time.

Conclusion

This brings me to end of today's program. As promised, here's my address: Neil Carleton, Radio Stamps, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada. My address again is ...

Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.